

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-7 and 15, drawn to methods of treating ischemic reperfusion injury or a disease based thereon with a Fas antagonist;

Group II, claims 8, 9 and 15, drawn to a method of treating graft versus host disease by administering a Fas antagonist; and

Group III, claims 10-12 and 14, drawn to a method of treating organ injury; and

Group IV, claims 13 and 14, drawn to a method of preserving an organ by contacting the organ with a solution comprising a Fas antagonist.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, claims 8, 9 and 15. Claim 15 has been amended herein to limit the claim to methods of treating GVHD. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD (Reg. No. 40,069) at

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the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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